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**R. Steven Whalen**  
Magistrate Judge

Education: Illinois 1970 BA; Wayne State 1976 JD  
Began Service: September 11, 2002  
Term Expires: September 10, 2010

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**Mona K. Majzoub**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: June 19, 1949  
Education: Michigan 1970 BA, 1972 MA; Detroit 1976 JD  
Began Service: January 6, 2004  
Term Expires: January 2012

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**Paul J. Komives**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Detroit 1954 AB; Michigan 1958 JD

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; State Bar of Michigan

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**Michael Hluchaniuk**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 2008  
Term Expires: January 2016

**Government:** Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney, Bay City (MI) Office,  
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**Steven W. Rhodes**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Purdue 1970 BS; Michigan 1972 JD  
Began Service: March 22, 1985  
Term Expires: March 21, 2013

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Feikens, United States District Court for the District of Michigan (1973)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1981-1985); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit (2003)

**Legal Practice:** August, Thompson, Sherr & Miller (1977-1978); Kelley & Rhodes (1978-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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**Marci B. McIvor**  
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Began Service: 2003  
Term Expires: March 14, 2017

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**Phillip J. Shefferly**  
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Began Service: 2003  
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**Thomas J. Tucker**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 21, 2003

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**Walter Shapero**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Michigan 1951 AB; Virginia 1954 LLB  
Began Service: July 15, 2002

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court (1954-1956)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Detroit Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

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**Daniel S. Opperman**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006  
Term Expires: July 2020

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**Robert Holmes Bell**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1966 BA;  
Wayne State 1969 JD  
Began Service: August 6, 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



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